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C O N F I D E N T I A L KABUL 4124

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: LIBYAN VIEW OF AFGHANISTAN

1. ON MAY 20, I PARID A FAREWELL CALL ON LIBYAN AMBASSADOR ELHERIK. HE INDICATED TO ME THAT HE HAS SOME DOUBTS ABOUT THE ISLAMIC CREDENTIALS OF THE NEW AFGHAN REGIME. HE SAID THAT THE AFGHAN LEADERS REFER TO THEIR "RESPECT FOR ISLAM" RATHER THAN SAYING THEY ARE MUSLIMS. HE HAS ALSO HEARD RUMORS THAT AROUND 150 RIGHT-WING ISLAMIC LEADERS WHO HAD BEEN IMPRISONED BY DAOUD HAD BEEN EXECUTED BY THE NEW REGIME. ELHERIK SAID HE THINKS IT WILL TAKE ABOUT SIX MONTHS FOR THE NEW REGIME TO REVEAL ITS TRUE COLOR, WHICH HE CLEARLY THINKS IS RED.

2. ELHERIK SAID THAT AT THE TIME OF THE CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT HERE, HIS GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN CONSIDERING SENDING AN AID DELEGATION TO KABUL. THE NEW GOVERNMENT HAS SAID IT WANTS TO STUDY THE SITUATION BEFORE RECEIVING SUCH A DELEGATION.
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